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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: Cox *et al.*
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
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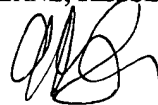
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- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of

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§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.